International Mathematical Union: Nominating Committee / Election Model for the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction

The International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) Nominating Committee will be formed with the purpose of presenting the slate of nominations for the ICMI Executive Committee to the Adhering Organizations, in preparation for the ICMI elections by the ICMI General Assembly. The Nominating Committee shall consist of seven people, each with full voting rights. None of its members shall be eligible for nomination for the ICMI EC. The ICMI Nominating Committee will be formed as follows.

1) Chair of the Nominating Committee

The Chair of the ICMI Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the President of the ICMI in consultation with the President of the IMU and must not be a current member of the IMU EC or the ICMI EC, or be working in the country of either president.

2) **President of ICMI, or his/her nominee**

The current President of the ICMI, or a nominee of the President, in the year that the ICMI Nominating Committee is formed, shall be a member of the ICMI Nominating Committee.

3) **President of IMU, or his/her nominee**

The current President of the IMU, or a nominee of the President, in the year that the ICMI Nominating Committee is formed, shall be a member of the ICMI Nominating Committee.

The above three members shall constitute the "**core members**" of the ICMI Nominating Committee.

4) One person chosen by the IMU EC

The current IMU EC, in the year that the ICMI Nominating Committee is formed, will choose one person to be a member of the ICMI Nominating Committee. This person should, ideally, be one who is knowledgeable regarding ICMI matters and must not be a member of the ICMI EC in the year that the Nominating Committee is formed.

5) **Two persons chosen at random from nominees of ICMI/IMU members**

The ICMI EC will administer a *random selection* of two members of the Nominating Committee from a pool of nominees submitted by the ICMI members in good standing.¹ These nominees shall be persons who are not current members of the ICMI Executive Committee, who are willing to serve, and who do not work in the same country as any of the nominees in categories 1-4 above. Each ICMI member in good standing will be entitled to at most one nomination for the nominating committee. The call for such nominations should be sent by the ICMI EC to the Adhering Organizations and the member representatives to ICMI, by 1 September in the year ICME-2 (that is, two years prior to the International Congress on Mathematical Education).² Nominations, submitted to the ICMI EC, should be received by 1 December of the same year.

6) One person, experienced with the work of ICMI, chosen by the core members of the ICMI Nominating Committee

One further member will be chosen by the core members of the ICMI Nominating Committee. This person should, ideally, be a former member of the ICMI Executive Committee or, if such a person is not unavailable, have significant experience of ICMI affairs.

In the overall selection of Nominating Committee members, due consideration should be given to balance with regard to representation of region, culture, gender, and subfields, and to expertise for the programmatic agenda of the ICMI.

Duties of the Nominating Committee

A nomination slate will be formed for the election of the Executive Committee of the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI EC). The slate shall consist of a unique candidate for each of the four ICMI officers (President, Secretary-General, and two Vice-Presidents), plus at least seven nominees for the remaining five members of the ICMI EC to be elected. This slate will be communicated by the Nominating Committee Chair to the current ICMI EC and to the Adhering Organizations, in preparation for the ICMI elections by the ICMI General Assembly. Only members of ICMI in good standing¹ will be eligible to vote, and each such member will have one vote.

¹ "Good standing" is defined by two requirements of the ICMI member: 1. Being current in dues payments; and 2. Having clearly identified a member representative who, in turn, has established effective contact with the ICMI Secretary General.

 $^{^2}$ The letter of solicitation of nominees for the nomination committee from the ICMI members in good standing should contain some explanation of the functioning of the nomination committee, and of the desired qualifications of members of the nominating committee.

Transition Process

- 1. Following approval of the new nomination and election model by the IMU EC, ICMI will immediately initiate the process of formation of an ICMI Nominating Committee, for the construction of a slate for the election of the ICMI EC in 2006. That slate shall be communicated to the EC's of both ICMI and IMU. The existing Statutes of IMU remain in force at this time, so that the slate shall have the status of advice to the IMU EC.
- 2. The election of the ICMI EC shall then take place at, and by, the General Assembly of IMU, at ICM Madrid in 2006. The Nominating Committee Chair, and one other designated member of the Nominating Committee shall attend the IMU GA to be available to explain the slate, and to answer questions about it that may arise. If the General Assembly of IMU approves the new election procedures, the terms of the ICMI EC at this election will be for three years, 1 January, 2007 31 December, 2009.
- 3. The next election of the ICMI EC will be done at, and by, the ICMI General Assembly at ICME-11, in Monterrey, Mexico, July 2008. This election will be conducted according to the above model, with the exception that the elected EC will assume office only on 1 January, 2010, and for a term of only three years, ending 31 December, 2012.

The subsequent ICMI EC election will occur at, and by, the ICMI General Assembly at ICME-12, in 2012, fully according to the above model. The ICMI EC elected on that, and future occasions will serve four year terms, beginning 1 January of the year following the election.